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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The troll fishery will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2020. The current target harvest for the first Chinook salmon retention period of 83,900 treaty Chinook salmon is expected to be reached by this time.

All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling. All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing. A freezer catcher—processor (FAS) that retains coho salmon onboard after the Chinook salmon fishery closure must submit a fish ticket to the department within seven days after offloading Chinook salmon. The ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025 and the attached map, will be closed for the remainder of the season beginning at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 6.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

The following terminal harvest areas (THAs) will remain open as described, unless closed by emergency order. The Herring Bay THA will remain open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through August 30 (5 AAC 33.369). The Silver Bay THA will remain open to troll gear for all salmon species through July 30; closed waters of Bear Cove remain in effect (5 AAC 33.375). The Anita Bay THA is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through November 10 (5 AAC 33.383). The Port Armstrong SHA is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through September 20. The Deep Inlet THA is open to troll gear each Saturday through September 26 for retention of all salmon species (5 AAC 33.376). The **Crawfish Inlet, Hidden Falls, Southeast Cove, Thomas Bay, Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, and Neets Bay THAs** will close to Chinook salmon retention at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 6.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1620.

The 2020 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

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